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## COMMENCEMENT AT LEXINGTON COLLEGE

### President E. W. White Retires After Nine Years of Service

Rev. C. Lewis Fowler and Rev. O. L. Stringfield Take Charge—Dr. A. E. Rogers Relinquishes Interest, But Will Remain On Faculty.

Lexington College concluded its fifty-sixth commencement Tuesday morning, when the graduating exercises were held at the opera house. The weather was ideal throughout so a large crowd attended the exercises.

This year marks a change in the management of the college. Prof. E. W. White and Rev. A. E. Rogers retiring as president and vice-president and Rev. C. Lewis Fowler and Rev. O. L. Stringfield, both of Clinton, S. C., taking their places.

Mr. White, the retiring presi-



Edward W. White, The Retiring President.

dent, has been in charge of the college for eleven years, and has striven hard to make the school a Christian college. He and Mrs. White leave a host of friends who wish them all success in the future and who regret to see them leave the city.

Dr. and Mrs. Rogers will remain in the school, although Dr. Rogers will not be in charge of the management. During their several years here they have gained a vast number of friends who rejoice in the fact that they are to remain in Lexington.

The president and vice-president, with their families will move to Lexington during the latter part of June.

#### ART LEVEE.

The art levee held at Lexington college on the afternoon of Saturday, May 13, was one of the most brilliant functions which this always successful college has ever enjoyed. On the walls of the exhibition rooms were displayed the work of the students in the various schools of charcoal, pen and ink, water color and oil; while a very large part of the floor space was occupied by tables upon which was shown very beautiful work of the classes in china painting carrying out with great skill the new conventional as well as the realistic patterns in both designs and color. The work in these several schools is all under the direction of Mrs. E. W. White and that Mrs. White is competent mistress of her art is best testified to in the very marked success of her pupils. The steady advancement of the beginners in art was well carried in the various dis-

as among the best in the entire exhibition. The water colors of Miss Rebekah Crosswhite deserves a special mention as giving evidence of an unusual ability. Miss Crosswhite is gifted in her sketches of heads showing an originality and cleverness quite remarkable. Miss Fannie McFadin, Miss Vera France, and Miss Mary Berrie received merited congratulations on their china painting, both their skill in outline and ability in raising the realistic designs to the conventional were highly praised. The term just closed was one of the most successful the art department has ever known. While Mrs. White retires from her duties as teacher, the class for the ensuing year has much cause for congratulations in having as instructor Miss Nell Walker. Miss Walker graduated under Mrs. White last year and since took post-graduate work in Kansas City Art School. The exhibition rooms were thronged all the afternoon with many friends of the school and patrons of art who were cordially received by Mrs. White and members of her class, and the afternoon closed one of the most artistic events ever enjoyed in Lexington.

The second number of the commencement entertainment was an organ recital given on Saturday evening by Miss Cecile Lyons assisted by Mr. A. M. Boyle, baritone, with Miss Winifred Winn accompanist. Too much praise cannot be given Miss Lyons for her finished and artistic work as an organist. Her rendition and interpretation of the various numbers deserves

special commendation. Bach's Prelude and Fugue in C was played in a masterful way.

Brewer's Springtime Sketch was marked by the style in which it was rendered.

Buck's Pedal Study showed in an admirable way the performer's skill in pedal technique.

Lemaigee's Capriccio and Dubois' In Paradisum displayed to the best advantage Miss Lyons' smooth phrasing and her light legato touch. The effects in the other numbers were beautiful and pleasing.

The listener was impressed with the rare quality of Miss Lyons' music and shall predict for her a brilliant future as an organist.

#### BACCALAUREATE SERVICE.

The Baptist church was filled to its largest capacity Sunday when Rev. C. Lewis Fowler, President elect of the college, preached the annual Baccalaureate sermon in the morning and Rev. O. L. Stringfield addressed the college Y. W. C. A. in the evening.

The services throughout were the most attractive held in the church for some time. The Lexington College chorus, which was trained for the occasion by Mrs. Cora Foster, rendered a beautiful and appropriate number at both the morning and evening service. The solo at the morning service by Mrs. Foster was exceptionally beautiful and the duet in the evening by Mrs. Foster and Miss Lillian Stemmons was a rare treat.

Rev. Fowler chose for his text, John 6:68—"Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." Rev. Fowler preached a magnificent sermon and won over a large number of friends by his earnest and pleasing delivery.

Rev. O. L. Stringfield, vice-president elect, delighted a large audience in the evening with his address on Christian education. Rev. Stringfield is deeply interested in the subject of his address and will prove a



Rev. C. Lewis Fowler, The New President.

McDonald were read and accepted.

The officers who were: Mrs. Felix Young, President; Mrs. E. N. Hopkins, First Vice President; Mrs. G. W. Hyde, Rec. Secretary; Miss Carrie Field, Cor. Secretary; Mrs. Birdie MacDonald, Treasurer; Mrs. W. H. Chiles, Auditor; Mrs. J. H. Campbell, Historian; and Miss Agnes Wilson, Assistant Historian, were all re-elected.

#### INSTALLATION SERVICE.

The installation services were held in the auditorium immediately after the alumnae meeting. Dr. A. E. Rogers, presided as chairman. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. Warren P. Clark. A short musical program was carried out, the feature of which was the song by Mrs. Birdie Richardson Gundlach, a graduate of the college.

Dr. Hyde then made a short address, installing Rev. C. Lewis Fowler, as president of the college. Rev. Fowler responded. After which, addresses were made by Rev. O. L. Stringfield. Prof. E. W. White, Mrs. Felix Young representing the alumnae, J. R. Moorehead and Walter B. Waddell. Dr. A. E. Rogers briefly, but sincerely paid a tribute to the retiring president. The



Dr. A. E. Rogers, The Retiring Vice-President.

ready aid to Rev. Fowler in the discharge of the duties of the college.

#### ALUMNAE MEETING.

The alumnae meeting was held in the college parlor Monday afternoon. The young ladies receiving diplomas from the college were received into the alumnae. Miss Nell Trosper of Breckenridge, Mo., welcomed the class and Miss Carrie Moore gave the response.

The reports of the assistant historian, Miss Agnes Wilson, and of the treasurer, Mrs. Birdie

meeting was closed by Rev. O. L. Stringfield.

#### ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT.

The annual entertainment was held at the opera house on the evening of the fifteenth. The program was divided into two parts, the musical, and the one act farce, "The Dressing Gown." The numbers were all good and it is hard to pick out those who deserved special mention. The chorus was at its best in "Hark, Hark, the Lark." Miss Louise Seearce rendered Smith's "Com'e Gntil" (left hand alone) in a

most graceful and artistic manner. Miss Lillian Stemmons, who graduates from the vocal department next year, delighted the audience with her rendition of the Scene and Prayer from "Der Freischutz."

The "Dressing Gown," presented by a cast of six, was a short and catchy one act farce. Glenn Charlton of W. M. A. handled the part of Peter Peabody with perfect ease. Walter Peacock, as Cumber the butler and Miss Bernadine English, as Sarah, the maid, both carried their parts well.

The program follows:

Hark, Hark the Lark - Schubert  
Katydid - Ritter  
LEXINGTON COLLEGE CHORUS  
Allegro from Coronation Concerto - Mozart

MISS FLORENCE GREISER  
(Orchestral parts on second piano)

MISS ROBBINS

An Indian Lover's Song - Berensford

Will o' the Wisp - Spreng

MISS BYRD RICE

Com'e Gntil (left hand alone)

MISS LOUISE SEEARCE

Military Polonaise - Chopin

Blue Skies - Sealy

MISS ADELAIDE HIGGINS

La Fileuse - Raff

MISS BERNADINE ENGLISH

Bridal Chorus from Rose Maiden

Cowen

MISS HIGGINS, STEMMONS,

PHETZING AND RICE

Crecedendo - Lasson

Witches Dance - MacDowell

MISS MARJORIE KROH

Scene and Prayer from Der

Freischutz - Von Weber

MISS LILLIAN STEMMONS

Polonaise for two pianos - Lack

MISS LYONS AND RICE

INTERMISSION

THE DRESSING GOWN

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Peter Peabody—who makes the length

of the gown an excuse for

a short temper.

GLENN CHARLTON

Mrs. Peabody—his wife, who excuses

nothing when her personal

property is attacked.

WINIFRED WINN

Miriam—the daughter, whose ex-

cuse is her heart.

VERA FRANCE

Jack Kirk—who is the excuse of

all excuses.

WALTER MARTIN

Cumber—the butler, whose temper

is shortened by the shortness

of others.

WALTER PEACOCK

Sarah—the maid, who assists in

the shortening process.

BERNADINE ENGLISH

THE GRADUATING EXERCISES.

The Fifty-Sixth Annual Graduating exercises were held in the New Grand Opera House Tuesday morning. The program was opened by the college chorus. Dr. E. C. Gordon pronounced the invocation, and Miss Carrie Moore rendered a piano solo.

Rev. Fowler delivered the address to the class. Although ill up to the time of the exercises, he threw his whole soul into his address, and delighted his audience. His address embodied these three thoughts: "Whence came man. Whither goest man. What is man." The degrees were presented by Prof. E. W. White, who in a few words expressed his love and appreciation for the class, and his regret in leaving Lexington. Rev. O. L. Stringfield pronounced the benediction.

The following degrees were

granted:

Sydney M. Lankford, A. B.

Stella Mabel Marye, B. L.

Carrie M. Moore, B. M., A. B.

Winifred Winn, B. M.

Leotta Leola Gaffin, B. M.

Byrd A. Rice, M. M.

Amelia C. Phetzing, B. O.

Anna Laura Seearce, Art.

Certificates were granted to:

Troy M. Hargis, Business

course.

Ruth Ashurst, Business course. Thus closes the fifty-sixth successful year of Lexington College. For next year the present faculty, with the exception of Mr. and Mrs. White and Miss Dunn are retained. It is the intention of the management to remodel the building this summer and the prospects for the year 1911-12 are exceedingly bright.

#### Nickell Home to be Enlarged.

The people of Lexington as well as the traveling public will be glad to learn that famous hostelry, The Nickell Home, is to be enlarged to the extent of another story. Thirty rooms with baths will be added. This hotel which is known as far as Lexington is known, has long enjoyed a good patronage. Mrs. Nickell, under whose management it grew, disposed of it a few years ago to its present owner, D. C. Morris. Mr. Morris has proven to be the ideal landlord. His sunny disposition coupled with tact and good business judgment have made his success very pronounced.

This improvement has been contemplated by Mr. Morris for some time, and the continued congested condition of the hotel under normal conditions made it imperative that he provide more rooms, and that at the earliest possible moment.

The contract which was awarded to Jas. Cheatham, has been closed and work will soon commence.

#### Residence Burns.

Fire broke out about 11:30 Tuesday morning in the residence of Mrs. Ida Wilson at the corner of Thirteenth and South streets, and although the fire department made a quick run and a hard fight, considerable damage was done. The fire was caused by the explosion of a coal oil stove.

The house, which is owned by Mrs. Mamie Moreland was insured for \$1,000, which will not cover the loss. The household goods of Mrs. Wilson's were not insured, and the damage to them will run up considerably.

The family wishes to express their thanks to their many friends who aided them during and after the fire.

#### Indians Danced a War Dance.

The Oklahoma Indians completely swamped the local Young Mens Club Monday afternoon on the academy diamond. The Young Mens Club was just playing out of its class as indicated by the 19 to 1 score. The Indians hit hard, fielded well and ran the bases at will. Kenny, Gordon and Sill did the battery work for the local team. "Dutch" Bates scored the lone tally.

#### Hedge Posts.

For sale, 1,000 hedge posts 7 feet long.

C. R. SMITH.

4-2243 Mayview, Mo.

Mrs. G. W. Kerdoff returned from a visit in Kansas City Monday night.

Mrs. Walter Shinn went to Kansas City Tuesday for a few days' visit with relatives.

C. S. Mitchell, Joel Ewing, Robt. Horn, D. R. Mitchell, Lee Meier, Frank Spears, J. R. Wilmot and Chas. Kinkead left Tuesday on a homeseekers excursion for points in Texas.